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Letter dated 11 April 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of April 1994, I have the honour to transmit herewith resolution 5371 of the Council of the League of Arab States, adopted on 27 March 1994 at its one hundred and first ordinary session and entitled "The situation in Somalia".

I request you to have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 72 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Chawki CHOUERI
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Permanent Mission of the
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Chairman of the Arab Group

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ANNEX

Resolution on the situation in Somalia adopted on 27 March 1994 by the League of Arab States

The Council of the League of Arab States,

Having taken cognizance of the note by the General Secretariat and the recommendation by the Political Committee,

Having studied the humanitarian and political aspects of developments in the situation in Somalia,

Noting the improvement in security and stability in most areas of Somalia,

Recognizing that the Somalis bear the primary responsibility for the achievement of national reconciliation,

Emphasizing the obligation of the international community to continue to assist the Somali people in its efforts for the restoration of security and stability, political reconciliation, the return of regular peaceful life and the reconstruction of Somalia,

Affirming the necessity of all the Somali parties' adhering to the cease-fire and adopting dialogue as the only way to resolve disputes by peaceful means,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions expressing its wholehearted desire for the national unity and territorial integrity of Somalia and for the expenditure of every possible effort to maintain a united Somalia and to spread security and stability throughout its territory,

Appreciating the efforts of member States in providing humanitarian relief to the Somali people,

Commending the performance of the Arab forces participating in the peace-keeping operation in Somalia,

Having reviewed the various international, regional and Somali local efforts aimed at the achievement of security, stability and national reconciliation throughout Somalia,

Having taken cognizance of the Peace Declaration signed at Nairobi on 24 March 1994 by the leaders of the Somali factions,

Decides

1. To welcome the Peace Declaration issued on 24 March 1994 and signed by the leaders of the Somali factions at Nairobi and to call on the Somali factions to continue to observe the cease-fire, reject all acts of violence and adopt dialogue as the only way to resolve disputes by peaceful means;

2. To urge all the Somali parties to cooperate fully with the United Nations, the League of Arab States, the Organization of African Unity and the Organization of the Islamic Conference in order to spread security and stability throughout the country and achieve national unity and territorial integrity for fraternal Somalia;

3. To express its appreciation to the Arab States which contributed forces for the peace-keeping operation in Somalia, whose performance in the security and the humanitarian fields earned the trust and appreciation of the Somali people;

4. To welcome and appreciate the efforts made by member States in providing humanitarian assistance to the Somali people;

5. To request the Secretary-General to continue the necessary consultations with the United Nations, concerned international and regional organizations, other international and regional parties and all the Somali parties with a view to the continuation of the process of political settlement and national reconciliation in Somalia for the achievement of unity for the country and security and stability for its people;

6. To call on member States and on Arab ministerial councils, specialized organizations, funds and specialized bodies concerned to continue the provision of relief to the Somali people, to intensify their efforts for the reconstruction of Somalia, to be prompt in paying their financial assistance into the special fund for support to Somalia, opened by the General Secretariat pursuant to League Council resolution 5157, and to inform the General Secretariat of the amounts of relief and assistance in kind and in cash provided by member States, so that the General Secretariat may act as coordinator of such assistance;

7. To thank the Secretary-General for his efforts in this area and to request him to continue his efforts and to report on the situation in Somalia to the Council at its next session.